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5. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on the meetings for tomorrow and Wednesday with Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees on the budget. With regard to possible savings which could result in reduction of the present request, Preston asked that the details be provided the Chairman in writing. Since the normal procedures of appearance before the House are unavoidably out of phase, it is necessary that such information be made available to Chairman Mahon. Late in the day it was worked out through Charles Briggs, OPPB, that an informal letter will be provided tomorrow.

I gave Preston a letter for the Chairman concerning a return of monies to the Reserve. He remembered the briefing on the original withdrawal so no further briefing was necessary.

With regard to the request from the Ervin Select Committee for the release of any transcripts of hearings with the Central Intelligence Agency, Chairman Mahon responded by letter today advising Chairman Ervin that the House Appropriations Committee would not release any transcript of a hearing with the Agency. He had discussed the matter with his colleagues. He indicated he has extracted that part of the hearing with Director-designate of the CIA, William E. Colby, dealing with Watergate and has been advised by the CIA that no classified information is contained therein. Chairman Mahon offered to make this part of the transcript available to Chairman Ervin or his colleagues on the Committee or Committee staff members designated by him for review in the office of the Committee.

Preston will try to visit Headquarters later in the week for a briefing on the Agency budget. Tentative arrangements have been made for 8:30 Thursday or Friday morning, 12 or 13 July. Charles Briggs, OPPB, has been advised.

I briefed Preston on Soviet SS-7 soft sites, SS-11 Mod 1 ICBMs and checkout of a SL-12 space booster.

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6. ([] - GLC) Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to tell him that Mr. Colby had made several additional changes in his confirmation testimony of 2 July 1973 which I would like to include in the corrections in the Committee copy of the transcript last Friday.

Talked to Chris Cowart, on the Committee staff, and told her we would like to ride the jacket to obtain multiple copies of the Colby confirmation hearings. She said she would give us a call when it is ready to go to GPO for printing.

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